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DCI Briefing

CIA ROLE ON TERRORISM: DDI ACTIVITIES

- I. Regarding finished intelligence production, the Agency deals with the problem of terrorism on a regional geographic basis by analysts trained in covering a wide range of activities in the countries they specialize on. We will stick with this system and supplement it by adding a specialist on terrorism itself.
  - A. The careful scrutiny we have given to insurgencies all over the world during the last few years has given us insights and skills that have proven useful in analyzing problems of terrorism as well.
  - B. The recent increase in the use of terrorism has been reflected in our current reporting in daily intelligence publications. We have also produced some specific studies over the last three months.
    1. Following the Lod airport massacre in June, we produced an intelligence memorandum on the fedayeen and their ties with foreign terrorists, which found that the fedayeen's connections with such groups were limited but growing.
    2. In July we took a close look at Uruguay's Tupamaros movement. We concluded that while the movement itself is in eclipse, the younger

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Uruguayans who are its core are still the most dynamic--and volatile--force in the country today.

3. Last week we surveyed the recent use of terror against US business firms overseas and found that in most cases where it has been used, it was the handiwork of separate, local groups essentially motivated by domestic political concerns.

4. Finally, last week we also examined terrorist activities by the ustashi, or Croatian separatist terrorists, as reflecting a significant force within as well as outside Yugoslavia today.

II. We plan to increase and intensify our attention to the terrorist problem in future intelligence production.

A. We are now surveying our own holdings of information on the various terrorist groups active around the world. Where gaps exist, we shall move speedily to try to fill them, and where our requirements can be refined, we shall sharpen them.

B. We are also taking stock of the adequacy of our analytical talent to meet the responsibility of a greater effort on terrorism, and we shall beef up our analytical capability wherever there might be a need to do so.

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